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HONGKONG, SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7TH, 1885.

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號七月一十一英春

PRICE \$2½ PER MONTH

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

November 6. ENERGIA, British steamer, 2,064.
Torlock, Amoy 5th November. General.—
RUSSELL & Co.

November 6. NARAWA, British bark, 387, John
Dodd, Newsham 25th October. General—
CHINESE.

November 6. CAMELOT, British steamer, 1,050,
John Daly, Amoy and Swatow 5th Nov.
General—
BUN HIN & Co.

CLEARANCES.
AT THE HARBOUR MASTER'S OFFICE.
NOVEMBER.

Ningpo, British str., for Shanghai.
Kwang-Lo, Chinese str., for Shanghai.
Bangalore, British str., for Singapore.

DEPARTURES.

November 6. ANTON, German str., for Hoichow.
November 6. DOUGLAS, British steamer, for
Swatow.

November 6. BAVARINA, British str., for Shang-
hai.

November 6. NINGPO, British str., for Shanghai.

November 6. BANGALORE, British str., for Bom-
bay.

November 6. KENNETH, British str., for Amoy.

November 6. KWANG-LO, Chinese steamer, for
Shanghai.

PASSENGERS.
ARRIVED.

Per Enquiry, str., from Amoy—Capt. Far-
row, and Mr. Cass.

Per Camdon, str., from Amoy, &c.—410 Chi-
nese.

REPTS.

The British bark Nankino reports left New-
chwang on the 25th October, and had light Nor-
therly winds all the passage.

The British steamer Consol reports left

Amoy via Swatow on the 5th November, and experienced strong winds blowing from N.E.

The British steamer Energia reports left

Amoy at 7 A.M. on the 5th November, and had

fresh N.E. monsoon throughout, with heavy wa-
ters.

VESSELS ARRIVED IN EUROPE FROM PORTS
IN CHINA, JAPAN, AND MANILA.

(For last Mail's Advice.)

Hector (e.) Shanghai Sept. 25

Diamond (e.) Shanghai Sept. 25

Akron (e.) Hongkong Sept. 25

Banshee (e.) Manilla Oct. 1

Agamemnon (e.) Shanghai Oct. 1

VESSELS EXPECTED AT HONGKONG.

(Corresponded to Date.)

Florence Gardner June 1

Mother Gardner New York June 12

Myt Glass New York June 12

Lassie New York June 16

Ursula via Carrick June 22

Arabs New York June 26

G. F. Sargent Penarth July 15

Great Surgeon Cardiff July 15

Caradoc Cardiff July 15

Mermaid Cardiff July 15

William Anton Cardiff July 15

Kyrie Liverpool Aug. 16

Afghan (e.) Glasgow Aug. 16

Ellen A. Reed Cardiff Aug. 21

Edwin Reed Cardiff Aug. 27

Agenor New York Aug. 28

Cælestine (e.) Antwerp Aug. 31

McNear Cardiff Sept. 7

Ernest (e.) Cardiff Sept. 7

Auguste (e.) Cardiff Sept. 7

Deshighshire (e.) H. M. B. via London Sept. 8

Glenaloch (e.) Glasgow Sept. 15

Glenaloch (e.) London Sept. 23

Decine (e.) Cardiff Sept. 23

Strakland St. Nazare Oct. 23

Ajax (e.) Liverpool Oct. 25

Glenaloch (e.) London Oct. 28

Erie (e.) London Oct. 28

FOR SALE.

FOR SALE AT WHOLESALE PRICES.

SHERBET... SACCONI'S "MANZANILLA"
AND LIGHT DEW. Bottled by
THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.

PORT CLARETS... SACCONI'S Bottled by Dr.

"ST. EMERY," "CHATEAU
LAGRANGE," "CHATEAU
LAZARD," "MEDOC," "St.
JULIEN," "MARGAUX," &
"CLARET."

STILL-HOCK, "STILL-BRAUH," 1874.

CHAMPAGNE "VINTAGE." "CAVE D'OR."

BURGUNDY.

BRANDY... "BLAT BREWED" & "B. O. Spec-
IAL" & "LICQUID HAM." Bottled
by MACKIE & Co., Glasgow.

STOUT... GUINNESS Extra Pts & Qts.
Bottled by DUBLIN STOUT CO.
ALE... Bass & Co., Pale, Pts & Qts.

BEEF... "KOBPEINS."
PORK... "PORK."
SCALES... "PORK."
THE HORN SCALE CO.

MACHINERY... DRILLING, PLANNING, LATHES,
etc., LONDON BROS., Glasgow.

PAINTS, OILS, AND VARNISHES—Good-
ness Wall & Co., Liverpool.

EAU DE COLOGNE... Bottled by JOHAN
MARIA FARINA.

Apply to W. G. HUMPHREYS & Co.,
Bank Buildings, London. Their Agents for China.

Hongkong, 2nd July, 1885. [1580]

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AT \$300 ONLY.

A MAGNIFICENT SIMEON GRAND
PIANO, by JOHN BROADWOOD & Sons,

almost new.

FOR A few Days ONLY.

Applies to Mr. A. VITTA,
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Hongkong, 4th November, 1885. [1573]

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CHAMPAGNE "MONOPOLE."

HEIDSIECK & Co.

MONOPOLE RED SEAL (medium dry).

Do. RED FOIL "Sé" (dry).

Do. GOLD FOIL "Dér" (extra dry).

CARLOWITZ & Co.

sole Agents for
HEIDSIECK & Co., BEIRNS.
For Hongkong, China, and the East.

Hongkong, 1st July, 1885. [1470]

INTIMATIONS.

KID GLOVES.

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CHINESE IMPERIAL GOVERNMENT
EIGHT PER CENT. LOAN OF 1881.

FIFTH DRAWING.

NOTICE is hereby given, that in conformity with the stipulations contained in the Bonds to be paid off at Par at the Office of the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION, in Hongkong on the 7th day of November, 1885, when the interest thereon will cease to be payable, were this day drawn at the Office of the said Corporation in Hongkong, in the presence of Mr. HERBERT MATTHEW BEVIS, Acting Chief Accountant of the said Corporation, and of the undersigned Notary.

NUMBERS OF BONDS DRAWN.

1096 Bonds Nos.—

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The large and important community of Hongkong (Enthusiastic cheering). I will only add now what I said at the beginning, that I feel it is utterly impossible for me to express to you how sincerely I thank you for the great honour you have done me, the regret that I feel in leaving Hongkong, and the pleasant remembrances I shall always retain of this colony and its inhabitants. (Applause.) I have made a good many friends here that I hope I may meet in England some day. (Heat, heat).

After the presentation of the Address to Admiral Sir W. M. Dowell, dancing was recommended and continued till after two o'clock. On Admiral Dowell leaving about half-past two o'clock a.m., the company gathered on the front verandah of the City Hall and gave him hearty farewell cheers, with much waving of handkerchiefs, while the band played "Auld Lang Syne."

SHANGHAI AUTUMN MEETING.

FIRST DAY.—5th November.

The following are the results of the second day's races, received by telegraph—

NORTHERN CUP.

Freckles..... 1
St. Leger..... 1
Red Gauntlet..... 1
MACE STAKER..... 1
Hard Times..... 1
SHANGHAI STAKES..... 1
Red Granat..... 1
LILAMA MIAN STAKES..... 1
Peppa..... 1
MONGOL CUP..... 1
Bonnie..... 1
AUTUMN CUP..... 1
Nectar..... 1
STEER STAKER..... 1
Conqueror..... 1

SUPREME COURT.

6th November.

In SUMMARY JURISDICTION.
BEFORE MR. JUSTICE ACKROYD.

F. HUNTERFORTH v. C. BOND, £20.

Mr. Ewens appeared for the plaintiff and is of opinion that Mr. Bond got up a sum of £400 in which he had no right, the first being a bad watch. That watch was won by Mr. Joseph, who found the watch was not so good as represented and sold it to Mr. Hunterforth. Mr. Hunterforth took it to Messrs. Gump & Co., who told him it was worth more than £18 or £20. He afterwards met Mr. Bond, who said it was a good good watch and that he would give £60 for it. This offer was accepted by Mr. Hunterforth.

Mr. Bond took the watch and gave £60. Mr. Hunterforth collected £30, and then Mr. Bond came one day when he was out, took the ruff paper away, and left the watch with Mr. Campbell. Mr. Hunterforth had the £30 which he collected and now retained the other £60.

Plaintiff was then called and gave evidence in accordance with the statement of his solicitor. Robert Donaldson, assistant of Rose & Co., gave evidence to being present in the Hongkong Hotel when a conversation took place between the plaintiff and the defendant. He heard the defendant say he would buy the watch for £60, but could not remember any other part of the conversation.

The defendant said the watch was put up on account of a lady who stayed for some time at the Hongkong Hotel and she had to leave for Saigon. She was travelling with a stock of jewellery to dispose of and was disappointed that she had not succeeded in selling any of it here. A gentleman suggested that she should leave some of the things to be raffled off, and he drew up the heading for the raffle paper. Witness took it up and paid £100 for the raffle paper for the printing, and then he told Mr. Campbell that the subscriptions, but on Mr. Campbell's saying he had not time, he arranged with the plaintiff, who was to have five chances in the raffle for his trouble. The watch was won by Mr. Joseph. When plaintiff came to witness at the hotel about the value of the watch witness said, "I can tell for £60; I will give £30 for it." Mr. Joseph, who had no right to do so, agreed. The watch was worth more than £5 to any one. Witness kept the watch, because it was the property of the lady he had mentioned, and he could not part with it unless he got the money. He complained of the neglect of the plaintiff in collecting the subscriptions, and claimed that he was entitled to receive the £30 which had actually been given.

He also argued that unless a person who takes a chance in a raffle, and wins the prize, he could not take the prize even if he won it. Mr. Joseph had not paid. In the course of cross-examination it transpired that the defendant had won three of the four prizes, one on account of himself and two on account of the lady, who had taken up all the chances left unclaimed. He denied, however, that there was any thing in the plaintiff's story, and the result being decided, the hearing died in a hush. As to Mr. Donaldson's evidence, the witness and the conversation between himself and the plaintiff was conducted in French, which language Mr. Donaldson did not understand. He denied that he was the greater up of the raffle, and said he was only an agent in placing the matter in the plaintiff's hands and getting the printing done.

Mr. Ewens said he did not think the sale had been justified. The burden of proof lay on the plaintiff, and he had not established his case.

Mr. Ewens applied for the return of the watch.

His Lordship said he had nothing to do with that matter.

The defendant said he would give the watch to Mr. Joseph if Mr. Joseph would pay him the £30 for his chance.

Mr. Ewens argued that if the watch was not bought by the defendant it must belong to the plaintiff.

His Lordship said the defendant's case was that the watch never belonged to the plaintiff to sell; and he declined to make any order with reference to it.

POLICE COURT.

6th November.

BEFORE MR. E. MCKEEAN.

CRACKER FIRING.

Forty-one Chinese living in Wing Lok Street, Elgin and West-streets, Queen's-road, and the Docks, were summoned before the magistrate of unlawfully firing crackers on the 4th instant.

The defendants all admitted the offence, which was in connection with the religious festival now being celebrated by the Chinese, and they were fined 5s each.

TEA PAIR.

Woo, A. Iu of 13, Kau Yu Fong, was summoned before Inspector Bremer, on a charge of keeping an house for the sale of tea in lottery tickets.

The defendant said he would give the information to the informer, but it should be given to the informer, but it is a matter usually paid out of the fine, and in this case the fine is only £1, and the money seized has been put in the Poor Box.

LAWRENCE.

An Alui, master of a crack boat, was charged with stealing from his master boat No. 2618, belonging to a woman, a Chin Shum, on the beach at Yau Ma Tei. He admitted the offence, and was sent to goal for four weeks.

The Alui, rice powder—for stealing an opium pipe from a house in Gap-street where he had been to smoke, on the 6th inst., was sentenced to fourteen days' hard labour.

CORRESPONDENCE.

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions expressed by our Correspondents.]

MUNICIPAL RATES IN HONGKONG.

Sir.—Allow me, through the aid of your columns, to point out to the members of our Legislative Council that there is a great difference in the rate per cent. levied on houses properly occupied by Foreigners and Chinese in the English, American, and French Settlements in Shanghai. The rates per cent. charged there in 1884 and the same this year—was 8 per cent. 10 per cent. on houses occupied by Foreigners, and 12 per cent. on houses occupied by Chinese in the English and American Settlements (those two Settlements being governed by one Municipal Council); and in the French Settlement the charge was 4 per cent. per annum on Foreign and 8 per cent. per annum on native occupied houses. In the former case you will see there was a difference of 25 per cent. and in the latter of 10 per cent. on houses occupied by Chinese than on those occupied by Foreigners. And why? Because of the large number of Police it takes to keep order, prevent and detect crimes in localities occupied by a large number of Chinese, so that it seems to me that what is good for Shanghai is equally applicable to Hongkong. The rate owing entry to the presence of such a large number of Chinese in Hongkong that our Police force is increased very much of late years, so that it becomes necessary to have them to look about to see whether any alteration can be effected, how alteration can be effected, or a more equitable mode of taxation entered upon.

Yours &c.,

PEKING.

23rd October.

The political horizon seems again to be darkening. Korea, an outside part of the world, emerging from the mists of time, but yesterday open to the influences of civilization, is again to us again. The Da-i King, who before his reign, was said to have contracted obligations of various descriptions with Li Hung-chang, is now rumoured to have fallen out with his son, the Korean King, who perhaps does not consider filial piety to stand first in the category of human duties. The Korean Customs were to be handed over to the care of officers delegated by the Emperor. How far this delegation has gone is as yet unknown.

Mr. Bonfield is waiting for something to turn up, and his expectation of such an event is likely to be realized, as there are rumors that the Korean King, who does not seem to dread the stigma "put his"—undutiful—is making overtures towards a reconciliation with his vice minister and adviser. It is, however, not to be expected that China should look upon the change of King quite unconcerned, especially that persons of their daughters were affected.

The Korean Prince Min is going on a tour to Europe and one of the Tsin-tien missionaries.

Mr. Stanley, is to travel with him as his companion and interpreter. The sum allowed to the Prince for his eventual trip is said to be 30,000 francs.

A propos of Customs affairs, a member of the diplomatic world said the other day that Sir Herbert Hart had given up his position withdrawn from the post of British Minister, as it had been stipulated by the English Government that he would not be allowed to take over the reins of this important office under the condition of having a British appointed his successor, a condition which Sir Hart is said to have agreed to.

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A STORY FOUND ON FACT.
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CHAPTER VI.

IN WHICH A SILENT PASSENGER IS DRIVEN INTO THE DARKNESS.

Coldly enough at half past nine, just as Mr. Joseph Norbury was walking up to the door of Mr. Needham's house, the door was open, and the owner himself was taking off his coat in the hall.

"All! he said, "this is lucky. I left word and counted every stroke as the hammer fell."

"No more?" he said, taking out his watch, looking at it, and then placing it to his ear.

"No more! The Fates were with me. Now to business! What is there to fear? A dead man is nothing—just, a clod, nothing."

He reached over to the spirit decanters and pouring into a glass a large quantity of whisky drizzled it off. Then stretching himself to his full height, he turned his browses apotrophizing the corpse as he did so.

"You are J. H. Needham—poor Needham, member of Parliament; banker, the mined financier, and you must not be found dressed in Joseph Norbury's clothes—come!"

It will not matter to you how you are dressed; it will to me, Joseph Norbury must not go about in John Needham's coat, nor wear Joseph Norbury's watch, nor carry Joseph Norbury's purse; nor anything else that is his! Come!"

It seemed as if the situation, the whisky, and the gift of life with a new name, made physically a new man of the villain. He worked at his ghoulish business with the energy of a giant and the vigour of a leot on a battlefield. Once or twice he refreshed himself from the spirit decanter, and wiped his perspiration from his face.

When the changes had been made between the living and the dead, which the living considered sufficient, then came the no less difficult work of removing the body; but the murderer was equal to the occasion. He carried it out into the yard, and thrust it into the brougham, which he had already dragged out of the carriage-house for the purpose. There was not a single detail that he had not thought out on the lines of his own proposed suicide. If he had not permitted himself, so far, to change a single item of his original plan except this incident of driving to Hamptead; for he had argued that if his scheme was simple and had no hitch in it, all he had to do was to fit his substitute into the plan. The only change was the brougham. His own idea had been to walk to the scene of his own death, a favourite resort in life, and there take his fatal dose. The introduction of the brougham had necessitated the absence of the servants. These supplementary incidents had worked out so far to his satisfaction, the discovery of the substitute, having been in Needham's opinion little less than miraculous.

Having deposited his ghastly load in the brougham, he leaned, grinning, against the carriage-house, for though he had earned his load with something like the grip of an expert at such work, balancing the weight of the difficult and awkward burden so as to make it bearable, he could hardly stand erect for some minutes. Presently, however, he went back into the house, straightened his room, washed and laid aside the extra coat, placed in his pocket the phial of poison, carefully removed all traces of his visitor; then going into the hall and putting on Norbury's light overcoat, taking his own on his arm, and his cravat-hat in his hand he returned to the stable and harnessed the cab to the brougham. Opening the gates stealthily, he looked out. No one stirring, the eight days, a steady rain falling; everything still favoured the criminal and his work. He led the horses through the doorway, put the lantern, placed it inside the doors, which he carefully closed; and then mounting the box-seat, drove quickly through the Mews, and out into Mary-le-bone Row.

The rain fell in a steady downpour. The perfume of roses and stocks from adjacent gardens filled the dripping atmosphere; but in the imagination of the solitary driver of the silent passenger the gas-lamps pointed their short arms at him. The long glaring reflections of the lights on the wet pavements seemed to follow him. He drove on, nevertheless, and to his troubled fancy the wheels of the brougham made an awful noise.

"As for me," he said, "there was a time when I had a horror of it but that passed away when I lost my wife. I am no longer afraid of death—I have often wished for it. Don't you think our education upon this matter is altogether wrong?"

"In respect of the preparation for death?" asked Needham in reply, weighing his words and pressing his feet upon the floor as if to steady his nerves.

"Yes. Many of the Oriental races have no fear of death. The Chinese regard it as nothing, the Japanese will commit the happy despatch smilingly. A Chinaman doomed to death finds a substitute on payment of a sum of money to his family. Death being the only certain thing in life, the novelty of life, we ought to accept it as a matter of course and not make a horror of it. Children should be brought up with these views."

"Indeed I think you are right," said Needham, "but I have never reflected much upon death, and I can hardly realize the condition of a man who could voluntarily take the place of a condemned criminal."

"Some poor devil whose life was a failure, and who really loved his family and saw in his own death their release from poverty and persecution, and particularly an Oriental—could you not realize the idea of a man courting death under such conditions?"

"On yes, I think I could," said Needham, "but I could better understand his fighting to the last and then committing suicide."

"There I am not with you. Suicide is a coward's act. We are here for weak or weak to our own course."

"But would not your Oriental friend who gave himself up as a substitute for another be practically guilty of his own death?"

"Ah—to discuss that," replied Norbury, "would be to chop logic after the manner of the gravediggers in Hamlet. After all, Mr. Needham, the one great thing is to be prepared. As Hamlet himself said, on his way to that fatal fencing bout, 'The readiness is all.'

As he spoke Norbury sank slowly back in his chair.

"Dear, dear!" exclaimed Needham; "you are ill—little brady, the room is close, there is thunder in the air."

Taking from the mantel shelf a silver cup (which contained a carefully-measured and deadly dose of oil of almonds) he poured a little brandy into it, shook it together, and pressing the cup to the lips of his stupefied guest forced the contents down his throat. And then one hand clutching the back of a chair for support, he watched his victim; watched him with staring eyes and half-pursed lips, and with his guilty heart thumping at his ribs, as if it would pound its way through them; he pressed his left hand over it to hold it back, while his right hand dragged the chair as he fell back a pace or two contemplating the dying man. Then with a sudden effort he tore off his coat and flung it over the terribly upbraiding eyes of his murdered guest.

This done he stood again apart, away from the dread thing now half covered up in the chair, stood and waited and trembled, waited and waited, it seemed hours, though the time in which so much evil had been accomplished was very short. Presently he thought he heard a footstep in the house; then he thought there was a listener at the door. It required a tremendous effort to move; but at last he crept to the door, opened it, and listened. The ball clock was beating out the time in its usual way; but to Needham the sound was ominous; it bid a deathly sound, a warning sound, and it seemed to threaten him.

He went into the hall. It was dark. He had purposely allowed the street lamp to come in over the glass above the door. There was a lantern on the hall table. He crept to it and took it up, and returned to the library. All still, deadly still. He heard for the first time the ticking of the clock on the mantel-

shelf. He lowered the gas in the chandelier, as if he feared to see too much when he should remove the coat from the silent figure in the chair. He went behind it, and lifted the covering gently, bit by bit, until the face was exposed. Then he recoiled from it, then approached it afresh, touched it, listened to it, raised one of its hands, felt its pulse, listened at its heart. All still, no sound, only the two clocks and a distant roll of thunder.

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"Come, come, I am sorry to see you gone, but I will make myself at home. I feel sure I should be back in time, then refreshments, a cup of tea, and cigar, and wine, and soda, and brandy, in the library, and that I hope you would make yourself at home. I feel sure I should be back in time, then refreshments,

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He shook Norbury's hand warmly, and then speaking as if addressing a servant whom he professed to have approaching, he said "It is only I, Rogers, and Mr. Norbury; we can find our own way to the library, and don't let us be disturbed."

The truth was he and Norbury were alone in the house.

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"I hope your servants appreciate your consideration," said Norbury.

"Oh, yes, I think they do," he answered.

"Now sit in this chair, pray believe I am sorry not to have had the pleasure of your company at dinner. As you could not come I simply had a chop, and cleared up a little business with my secretary. I hope you will like these cigars."

"Thank you," said the guest, taking a Cahan from the box which his host pushed towards him.

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Then he led his guest into talking of his illness, and the reason why his doctor advised change, professing to sympathize with him, and at the same time telling him of the sudden death of a friend who had developed similar symptoms. Norbury was thus brought into a frame of mind that might possibly predispose him to experience without surprise a similar symptom of illness."

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